GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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ATTACK ON MINORITIES
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases of attacks on minority communities particularly Christian missionaries of the country during each of the last three years, State-wise;

(b) whether the Government has made any assessment in regard to financial loss suffered in such attacks;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the action taken by the Government to check such incidents in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL)

(a)to(c) : 'Public Order' and 'Police' being the State subjects as per the Seventh Schedule to the Constitution of India, this information is not maintained centrally by the Government. However, as per information received in this Ministry, the number of communal incidents in the country involving Christians during the last three years State-wise is as given in the Annexure.

(d) : The Union Government shares information and sends alert messages/advisories to enable the concerned State Governments to take appropriate action. Detailed guidelines for promotion of communal harmony have been issued in October, 1997 to all States/UTs.The Central Para-Military Forces are made available to them on specific requests, and a special Force called the Rapid Action Force has been deployed exclusively for dealing with communal tensions. Assistance is also being provided to them for improving their policing infrastructure.

The Union Government has also introduced a Bill titled 'The Communal Violence

(Prevention, Control and Rehabilitation of Victims) Bill, 2005' in Rajya Sabha to address all aspects of the issue of communal violence.